



good Providence of God should be permitted to enter with some minuteness into that subject.

And, first, I would say that theirs is a duty from which no competent or influential layman should allow himself to shrink.

There is, too, a leading feature in the very constitution of the visible Church, which shows the appropriateness and importance of this office.

Here too, perhaps, we should, as a duty to show, as a benefit to the Church at large, preserve a rotation in their appointment, and as a general rule, at least, limit their tenure of office to two years.

But, in contemplating the benefit and the duties of Churchwardens, we shall more clearly understand them if we look back to the various points connected with the temporal circumstances of the Church which we have just been reviewing.

Church of Christ, and courageous in maintaining them; for to a neglect of this is owing, we must feel, much of the perilous wanderings of the times, and the occurrence of many high spiritual enterprises.

The Churchman here has doubtless his trials and temptations. The strength and consolidation and long endurance of many of the false systems that have been set up, an erroneous creed with many followers, an unscriptural Church polity, with numerous adherents, are formidable things even for the consistent believer's discreet dealing.

That we have no right to trifle with the truth, or deal presumptuously with any of the Divine revelations, is a consideration which alone should keep us close in our allegiance to the Church of our fathers; but we can further commend an adherence to this high principle on grounds connected with practical duty.

But in building upon, and in working by, the principles in which as Churchmen we are trained, I use no extravagant language in saying, we build upon a rock.

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN THE CITY.

Table with columns for church names, ministers, and service times. Includes St. James's, St. Paul's, St. George's, and Holy Trinity.

THE LATE REVEREND W. H. RIPLEY.

When we are those stricken in years, to whom life is weariness and sorrow, taken from among us by the shafts of the king of terrors, our natural reason bows in unquestioning humility to the decree of our Heavenly Father.

with; when it would seem to our blind reason that they could not with wisdom be removed from their earthly vocations, then are we forced to humble our selves before our Almighty Father, to bow down in faith before the mysterious inscrutability of his decrees.

These thoughts have been suggested to us by the sudden removal from amongst us, of our esteemed friend and brother in the ministry, the Rev. W. H. Ripley, in the thirty fourth year of his age, an event so briefly announced in our last number, with a promise that we should again recur to the mournful subject.

The deceased was the eldest son of the Rev. F. H. Ripley, Rector of Tockenham, and Vicar of Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, and at an early age was sent to Rugby, at that time flourishing, under the management of the highly gifted Doctor Arnold.

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THE ANNEXATION MANIA.

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by a sweet tranquil smile;—he raised his hands and his eyes to Heaven, in the attitude of prayer, and in an audible voice said, "Lord Jesus, into Thy hands I commit my spirit. I have long striven to serve Thee, but have many sins to acknowledge—many shortcomings to bewail. My faith and trust is in Thy merits alone. I commend to Thy protection my dear wife, beseeching Thee to comfort and support her in this evil world; let Thy protecting grace ever shield her. O Lord, grant me the best place in Thy Kingdom." After uttering this fervent prayer, he again became delirious, and continued so until the next morning, when exhausted nature finally gave way, and he breathed his last.

It was a bleak, gloomy morning,—according to the old saying, with the sorrow and grief of heart caused by the loss of one so much loved.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, and was the largest and most respectable we have ever seen in Toronto. So general a feeling of public sympathy we have not witnessed since the death of the lamented Dr. Grasset, "a grain of the salt of the earth," to use the quaint language of Fuller, and who, like Mr. Ripley, was cut off in the noonday of his valuable life.

The corpse was met at the door of Trinity Church by the Rev. Mr. Grasset, and the appropriate services read. After entering the sacred building, a thrillingly solemn dirge was played on the organ by Mr. Strathly, of his own composition, and as the music, seemingly of unearthly sweetness, floated around, it was mingled with heavy sobs, and tears trickled from eyes that had long unused to weep.

But a few brief months since, we stood within those sacred walls, but on how different an occasion! Then, our venerable Prelate stood at the altar, and pronounced the marriage blessing over him whose funeral he now attended as a mourner; then the marriage antiphens were sung, but now a funeral dirge; then the many-coloured light streamed down from the chancel window on a dense crowd, assembled, not in grief, but to do honour to the marriage of their beloved pastor.

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FROM OUR ENGLISH PRESS.

London, October 26. Lord Palmerston and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had an interview yesterday with the first Lord of the Admiralty and Rear-Admiral Dundas.

The Falls on the Niagara Canal, up to the last of July, show an increase of nearly five per cent. on last year, up to the same time amounting to 257,750.

The quantity of Lumber received and unloaded at Quebec in the last month, shows an increase over last year, of nearly 200,000 feet.

West and Flour received from C. W. an increase of 12,125 bushels.

At another portion of our paper will be found reports of the proceedings at the Convocation of King's College, and the dinner given to His Excellency the Chancellor, for which we are indebted to our contemporaries, the Colonist and Patriot.

The Convocation presented many features, gratifying to the lover of purely secular learning. As the noble Chancellor observed, the attainments of the members of the institution would have instilled them high standing in honours, either in Oxford or Cambridge.

Chief Justice Robinson spoke with the graceful boldness of the Churchman and the Christian gentleman, in denouncing the new Act which ejected religion, as a leprous thing, from the halls of the University.

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At this season of the year, when frequently recurring gales of wind are likely to produce accidents on our lakes in a grave proportion, we think that it shall be rendering some service by calling public attention to the unsafe state of a number of the smaller craft about our creeks and harbours, by which many valuable lives are continually being risked, as may be easily made to appear, most unnecessarily.

The same subject, we observe, is attracting attention in the mother country. The dreadful catastrophe which occurred almost every season, in the loss of sometimes large fleets of boats belonging to the adventurous fishermen of the northern and western coasts of Scotland, by which whole families are frequently made destitute, has led to the proposal of employing small decked vessels, with a sufficient number of boats attached to them, to diminish the perilous probability of the open vessels now in use, being swamped during the tremendous gales which occur every season upon those shores.

But our loss is his infinite gain. We must not sorrow, as men without hope, for them that sleep in Christ. As he has said to our Heavenly Father, there is a world beyond death's chill stream, where we may join our departed brother. There stands the city whose foundations are of precious stones; there is the crystal stream—the tree of life—the white-robed throng; there is no night there, nor the light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth their light.

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again immediately. Some of these, moreover, will sail just as well full of water as when bailed or pumped out, and in fact they are purposely allowed to fill out to assist winds, &c., in order to prevent loss of surface to the wind,—the crew being secured by means of buckets.

Now we cannot imagine why every boat should not be in construction so far a life-boat as to be incapable of sinking, the accident of her being swamped being thus rendered a comparatively trivial one.

We have thrown together these desultory remarks, on a subject of vital importance to the lake-faring portion of the community, more with a view of calling public attention to the subject, than of pronouncing anything upon it with nautical precision ourselves.

By way of a tangible improvement, might not the authorities, by means of properly qualified and authorized inspectors, require a certain amount of sea-worthiness to be proved in every craft allowed to belong to the port?

It was stated in our last issue, that a loan of £59,817 10s. 6d. had accrued to the City Bank of Montreal, during the six months ending 31st August.

This fact was derived from the half-yearly returns of the assets and liabilities of the Bank. That loan did not occur in the ordinary business of those six months, inasmuch as in March last the capital stock of the Company was reduced to the extent of £75,000, to cover losses previously sustained.

On Thursday the 27th Sept. the charge of his Grace the Archbishop was delivered by him in the Cathedral Cathedral, and the attendance on his lady was unusually great.

The service commenced at half past two o'clock, an excellent sermon, on the duties of the ministry, being preached by Dr. Spry. The usual form of calling out the names of the Cathedral officers present having been gone through.

His Grace proceeded to read his charge, in which, after paying a tribute to the liberality, virtue, and wisdom of his predecessor, he proceeded to refer to the quantity which concerned the management of schools, and the moral and religious instruction of the youth.

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Poetry.

OUR LITTLE KATE. (By the Author of "Hymns and Songs for Children.") A little, little Kate, in little Kate's...

HISTORY OF THE CHOLERA.

[Our readers will presume with interest the following sketch, extracted from a late number of the Times, of the movements of that terrific scourge of the Almighty, which has so lately presented amongst ourselves.—Ed. Cn.]

From this central district the pestilence travelled by three principal streams, one flowing southwards, along the Coromandel coast, to Madras; another...

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